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INOSOSE AND NOVEL PROCESS FOR PRODUCING...

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C.

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Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

A clean version of the amended claims is provided herewith in **Attachment A**. It will be noted that claims 8 and 16 have been amended relative to the previously provided version as shown by the marked up version thereof in **Attachment B** provided herewith.

REMARKS

By this Amendment, claims 8 and 16 have been amended to remove the multiple dependency in each claim.

New claim 22 has been added.